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Organization of work of the Second Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee will be listed in the note by the Secretariat (A/C.2/72/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/72/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, Assembly decision 71/543 on the programme of work of the Second Committee for the seventy-second session of the Assembly, the provisional agenda of the seventy-second session of the Assembly (A/72/150) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

List of documents

3. Attention is drawn to the forthcoming addendum to the present note (A/C.2/72/L.1/Add.1), which will list the documentation submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee.

Statements by delegations

4. The list of speakers for the general debate and the general discussion of individual agenda items will open on Wednesday, 13 September 2017. The General Assembly, in its decision 65/530, decided to maintain the current time limits of 7 minutes for individual Member States and 10 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during the general debate of the Second Committee. The Assembly also decided to maintain, as appropriate, the current time limits of 5 minutes for individual Member States and 7 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during debates on individual agenda items.

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Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

5. Unless otherwise specified, meetings of the Second Committee will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The General Assembly has stressed that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. In this regard, it is expected that the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed will be waived.

Informal consultations

6. In accordance with established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the proposals and for adopting them ad referendum. All drafting will be done at the level of informal informal consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed coordinators/facilitators.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. Pursuant to paragraph 4 (c) of section D of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" should be considered in its entirety in plenary; subsequently, it was clarified by the General Committee that the relevant parts of chapter I of the report that fall under agenda items already allocated to the Main Committees would be considered by the Committee concerned for final action by the Assembly (see A/59/250/Add.1, para. 4).

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

8. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 22 November 2017 for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee[a]

Monday, 25 September 2017

3 p.m.

Organizational meeting

Week of 2-6 October 2017

Monday, 2 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Keynote address

Opening of the general debate

3-6 p.m.

General debate (*continued*)

Tuesday, 3 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

General debate (*continued*)

Wednesday, 4 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

General debate (*continued and concluded*)

3-6 p.m.

Side event on "The future of work: making decent work a reality"

Thursday, 5 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 18*: Macroeconomic policy questions:**

(a) International trade and development

(b) International financial system and development

(c) External debt sustainability and development

(d) Commodities

(e) Financial inclusion for sustainable development

(f) Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows in order to foster sustainable development

***Item 19*: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development (*joint consideration*)**

[a] The numbers of the agenda items as reflected in the draft programme of work correspond to the agenda items of the provisional agenda of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly (A/72/150).

Friday, 6 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 18*: Macroeconomic policy questions and sub-items (a) to (f)**

***Item 19*: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development (*joint consideration*)** (*continued*)

Week of 9-13 October 2017

Monday, 9 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 20*: Sustainable development:**

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(c) Disaster risk reduction

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind;

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

(g) Education for sustainable development

(h) Harmony with Nature

(i) Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

(j) Combating sand and dust storms

Tuesday, 10 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 20*: Sustainable development and sub-items (a) to (j)** (*continued*)

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 19

Wednesday, 11 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Joint meeting with the Economic and Social Council on "Frontier issues and the future of everything"

3-6 p.m.

***Item 24*: Eradication of poverty and other development issues:**

(a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)

(b) Women in development

(c) Human resources development

Thursday, 12 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 24*: Eradication of poverty and other development issues and sub-items (a) to (c)** (*continued*)

3-6 p.m.

Side event on "Science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals: harnessing inclusive innovation to leave no one behind"

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 18 and sub-items (a) to (f)

Friday, 13 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 22*: Globalization and interdependence:**

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

(b) Science, technology and innovation for development

(c) Culture and sustainable development

(d) Development cooperation with middle-income countries

3-6 p.m.

***Item 17*: Information and communications technologies for development**

Week of 16-20 October 2017

Monday, 16 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 26*: Agriculture development, food security and nutrition**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 24 and sub-items (a) to (c)

Tuesday, 17 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 23*: Groups of countries in special situations:**

(a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

(b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 22 and sub-items (a) to (d)

Wednesday, 18 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 21*: Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**

3-6 p.m.

Side event on "Towards a sustainable future for all women and girls: combating poverty and promoting gender equality, a data and policy perspective"

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 26 and item 20 and sub-items (a) to (d)

Thursday, 19 October

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 23 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Friday, 20 October

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 21

Week of 23-27 October 2017

Monday, 23 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions

3-6 p.m.

***Item 64*: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under sub-items (e) to (j) of item 20

Tuesday, 24 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 27*: Towards global partnerships**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 17

Wednesday, 25 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 25*: Operational activities for development:**

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

(b) South-South cooperation for development

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 64

Thursday, 26 October

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 27

Week of 30 October-3 November 2017

Monday, 30 October

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 25 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Tuesday, 31 October

3-6 p.m.

Introduction of and action on draft proposals

Wednesday, 1 November

3-6 p.m.

Introduction of and action on draft proposals

Week of 6-10 November 2017

Monday, 6 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

2017 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

Tuesday, 7 November

3-6 p.m.

Introduction of and action on draft proposals

Wednesday, 8 November

3-6 p.m.

Introduction of and action on draft proposals

Thursday, 9 November

3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Week of 13-17 November 2017

Tuesday, 14 November

3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Wednesday, 15 November

3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Thursday, 16 November

3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Week of 20-24 November 2016

Monday, 20 November

3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Tuesday, 21 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 138*: Programme planning**

Action on draft proposals

3-6 p.m.

***Item 122*: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly**

Action on draft proposals

Wednesday, 22 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee